

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/071,308

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Examiner's Amendment September 4, 2003.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 2 and 5-30.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 28 February 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * Certified copies not received: _____.
5. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
 - (a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the Examiner.
 - (c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet.

9. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. <u>B</u> |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. _____ | 6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | 8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with James D. Withers, Attorney for Applicant, on September 4, 2003.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1, line 8, after "a battery" insert "and further including an interior battery cover;" at line 9, after "the keyboard" insert ", the interior battery cover" at line 10, after "retracting the" insert "keyboard and battery compartment" and at line 11, after "inaccessible when the" insert "keyboard and battery compartment".

Claim 2, line 1, after "whereby the" insert "keyboard and battery compartment" and at line 2, after "device when the" insert "keyboard and battery compartment".

Claim 5, line 4, after "casing when the" insert "keyboard and battery compartment".

Claim 24, line 3, after "casing when the" insert "keyboard and battery compartment".

Claims 1, 2, and 5-17 are allowable. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claim 1, amended by Examiner's Amendment and by applicants amendment on August 27, 2003, recites a hand-held computing device comprising a slidably retractable keyboard and battery compartment cover, a casing, a battery compartment and further including an interior battery cover, whereby a keyboard, the

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interior battery cover and the battery compartment are uncovered for access by slidably retracting the keyboard and battery compartment cover away from the casing. These features, in combination with the rest of the elements or steps, are not taught or suggested by the prior art references. Claims 2, and 5-17 depend, either directly or indirectly, from claim 1 and are therefore allowable for at least the reasons provided above.

Claims 18-30 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claim 18, in the Examiner's opinion, it would not have been obvious to include an interior battery cover in a battery compartment for closing a battery recess in a held-held computing device. These features, in combination with the rest of the elements or steps, are not taught or suggested by the prior art references. Claims 19-27 depend, either directly or indirectly, from claim 18 and are therefore allowable for at least the reasons provided above.

Claim 28 is allowable because it is directed to a hand-held computing device having claim features as recited in independent claim 1 and original dependent claim 6. The reasons for allowance of claim 6 were provided in the previous Office Action.

Claim 29 is allowable because it is directed to a hand-held computing device having claim features as recited in independent claim 1 and original dependent claim 11. The reasons for allowance of claim 11 were provided in the previous Office Action.

Claim 30 is allowable because it is directed to a hand-held computing device having claim features as recited in independent claim 1 and original dependent claim 14. The reasons for allowance of claim 14 were provided in the previous Office Action.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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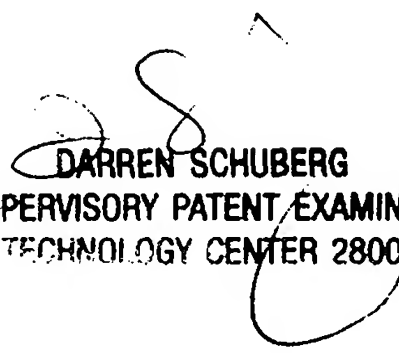
accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anthony Q. Edwards whose telephone number is 703-605-4214. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30-3:00) First Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Darren Schuberg can be reached on (703) 308-4815. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 306-9929.

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